

Amendments to the Specification:

Please insert the following section heading and paragraphs following paragraph [0010] and the section heading "DETAILED DESCRIPTION," and renumber the succeeding paragraphs accordingly:

[0015] BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING

[0016] Fig. 1 is a schematic illustration of a refrigeration system with a suction system for removing water ice during refrigeration system operation in accordance with an embodiment of the present invention.

Please amend the following Specification paragraphs (originally beginning at paragraph [0012], now paragraph [0014]) as follows:

[0014] In one embodiment of the present invention illustrated in Fig. 1, it is especially preferable for the water ice to be vented with the help of suction connections 1 from a conveyor belt 2 on which the refrigerated goods (not illustrated) are conveyed through the refrigeration system. The mobility of the conveyor belt is advantageously ensured by the suction removal of water ice deposited there (water ice movement indicated by arrows W). Thus the blockage in movement of the conveyor belt caused by the water ice can be prevented.

[0015] According to a particularly advantageous embodiment of this invention, the suction connections 1 are in movement during the suction, in particular being pivoted about manifold 3. Therefore, it is especially advantageous that the effect of the suction can also be made accessible for the entire conveyor belt and/or for the entire interior of the refrigeration system with

the same quality everywhere, even when working with a low number of suction connections.

[0016] With regard to the device, this object is achieved by the fact that at least one suction connection 1 for water ice is provided in the interior of the refrigeration system being operatively connected to a suction blower 4.

Preferably at least three suction connections 1 for water ice are provided.